

Blackhawks indisputably won the Stanley Cup.

That is why I am proud to join my good friend Senator DURBIN to introduce a Senate Resolution in honor of this team.

And I ask my colleagues to join with us in celebrating this remarkable achievement.

I congratulate the owners, the entire coaching staff, and every member of the Blackhawks organization.

And I applaud each and every athlete who took part in this incredible victory.

Their names are etched forever into Chicago sports history, just as they will soon be etched into the Stanley Cup Trophy itself.

Finally, I would like to congratulate the people of Chicago, and Blackhawks fans all over the country, who have kept the faith for 49 years, never doubting that greatness would one day return to their hockey team.

I got married in 1961. That is the last time they won the Stanley cup.

Their day has finally come, and this championship belongs to them.

I am proud to join them in celebration, and I am eager to see the Stanley Cup on display back home in Chicago, right where it belongs.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Massachusetts.

Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts. I certainly want to offer my congratulations to the city of Chicago. Being from Massachusetts, having the World Champion Red Sox, Celtics, New England Patriots, Bruins, New England Revolution, I can certainly appreciate the victory that was brought to the city of Chicago. Certainly when the President has them to the White House, I am hoping he will offer the same courtesy to the NCAA Champion Boston College mens' hockey team as well.

SENATE RESOLUTION 550—DESIGNATING THE WEEK BEGINNING ON JUNE 14, 2010, AND ENDING ON JUNE 18, 2010, AS "NATIONAL HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY WEEK" TO RECOGNIZE THE VALUE OF HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TO IMPROVING HEALTH QUALITY

Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Ms. SNOWE) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 550

Whereas the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society has collaborated with more than 5 dozen healthcare organizations for almost 50 years to transform health care by improving information technology and management systems;

Whereas the Center for Information Technology Leadership estimates that the implementation of national standards for interoperability and the exchange of health information would save the United States approximately \$77,000,000,000 in expenses relating to health care each year;

Whereas health care information technology and management systems have been

recognized as essential tools for improving the quality and cost efficiency of the health care system;

Whereas Congress has made a commitment to leveraging the benefits of the health care information technology and management systems, including through the adoption of electronic medical records that will help to reduce costs and improve quality while ensuring privacy of patients and codification of the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology;

Whereas Congress has emphasized improving the quality and safety of delivery of health care in the United States; and

Whereas since 2006, organizations across the United States have united to support National Health Information Technology Week to improve public awareness of the benefits of improved quality and cost efficiency of the health care system that the implementation of health information technology could achieve: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates the week beginning on June 14, 2010, and ending on June 18, 2010, as "National Health Information Technology Week";

(2) recognizes the value of information technology and management systems in transforming health care for the people of the United States; and

(3) calls on all interested parties to promote the use of information technology and management systems to transform the health care system in the United States.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 4334. Mr. ISAKSON (for himself, Mr. DODD, and Mr. REID) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4301 proposed by Mr. BAUCUS to the bill H.R. 4213, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4335. Mr. NELSON of Florida (for himself, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LEMIEUX, Mr. VITTER, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. WICKER, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mr. SCHUMER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4301 proposed by Mr. BAUCUS to the bill H.R. 4213, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4336. Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. HATCH, and Mr. BROWNBACK) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4213, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4337. Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. DORGAN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4301 proposed by Mr. BAUCUS to the bill H.R. 4213, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4338. Mr. WICKER (for himself, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mr. VITTER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4301 proposed by Mr. BAUCUS to the bill H.R. 4213, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4339. Mr. DORGAN (for Mr. ROCKEFELLER) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 3360, to amend title 46, United States Code, to establish requirements to ensure the security and safety of passengers and crew on cruise vessels, and for other purposes.

SA 4340. Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mr. KAUFMAN, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mrs. McCASKILL, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. REED) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4213, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions, and for

other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4341. Mr. DORGAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4213, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4342. Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. ENSIGN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4301 proposed by Mr. BAUCUS to the bill H.R. 4213, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 4334. Mr. ISAKSON (for himself, Mr. DODD, and Mr. REID) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4301 proposed by Mr. BAUCUS to the bill H.R. 4213, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of part I of subtitle B of title II, insert the following:

SEC. —. FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYER CREDIT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (2) of section 36(h) is amended by striking "paragraph (1) shall be applied by substituting 'July 1, 2010'" and inserting "and who purchases such residence before October 1, 2010, paragraph (1) shall be applied by substituting 'October 1, 2010'".

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Subparagraph (B) of section 36(h)(3) is amended by inserting "and for 'October 1, 2010'" after "for 'July 1, 2010'".

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to residences purchased after June 30, 2010.

SA 4335. Mr. NELSON of Florida (for himself, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LEMIEUX, Mr. VITTER, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. WICKER, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mr. SCHUMER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4301 proposed by Mr. BAUCUS to the bill H.R. 4213, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title VI, add the following:

SEC. —. 5-YEAR NET OPERATING LOSS CARRYBACK FOR CERTAIN OIL SPILL-RELATED LOSSES.

(a) EXTENSION OF NET OPERATING LOSS CARRYBACK PERIOD.—Paragraph (1) of section 172(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

"(K) CERTAIN OIL SPILL-RELATED LOSSES.—In the case of a taxpayer which has a qualified oil spill loss (as defined in subsection (k)) for a taxable year, such qualified oil spill loss shall be a net operating loss carryback to each of the 5 taxable years preceding the taxable year of such loss."

(b) QUALIFIED OIL SPILL LOSS.—Section 172 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by redesignating subsection (k) as subsection (l) and by inserting after subsection (j) the following new subsection:

"(k) RULES RELATING TO QUALIFIED OIL SPILL LOSSES.—For purposes of this section—

"(1) QUALIFIED OIL SPILL LOSSES.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, the term 'qualified oil spill loss' means the lesser of—

"(i) the excess of—